



## Lucas Patchett OAM CO-FOUNDER

### SHORT BIO

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2016 Young Australian of the Year and 2020 Order of Australia Medallist, Lucas Patchett is an entrepreneur, innovator and storyteller. Lucas is the Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Orange Sky – the world's first free mobile laundry and shower service for people experiencing homelessness.

Lucas plays a critical role in all areas of Orange Sky from the strategic direction to managing key relationships with our supporters. He is committed to leading Orange Sky to deliver on its five year strategy to help 40,000 friends by 2025.

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In October 2014, Lucas Patchett co-founded Orange Sky alongside his best mate Nic Marchesi. Together, they built the first van and Orange Sky was born, the foundation for which thousands more people would be helped over the coming years.

Awarded Young Australian of the Year in 2016 and a 2020 Order of Australia medal, Lucas has a passion and commitment to supporting friends doing it tough. Lucas has been instrumental in the significant growth of Orange Sky and is passionate about leading Orange Sky to deliver on its five year strategy of supporting 40,000 friends by 2025.

Orange Sky now operates 52 services across 32 locations in Australia and three services across two locations in New Zealand, with continued expansion across both countries. The focus is on creating a safe, welcoming, and supportive environment for people who are too often ignored or feel disconnected from the community.

Since 2014, Orange Sky has provided more than 238,000 loads of free laundry, over 25,000 warm, safe showers, and more than 370,000 hours of genuine and non-judgemental conversation.

Lucas has been a Board Member since Orange Sky was founded and has played a critical role in the strategic direction of Orange Sky including establishing Orange Sky New Zealand in 2018. Lucas also joined the board of the Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service with Queensland Health in May 2021.

Lucas is genuine, relatable, and a true leader who sets the example of how an Orange Sky Person should act every day and tries to incorporate his two values of learning and having fun into everything he does.

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